



West Lafayette Go Greener Commission
609 West Navajo Street
West Lafayette, IN 47906

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Minutes of Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting

Tuesday, September 10, 2013, 6:10 PM

Council Chambers, West Lafayette City Hall

Attending: Allen Jacobsen; Thom Davis; Aparna Puri; Peter Bunder; Kara Salazar; Gene Hanus; Tom Voigt; Lindsey Payne

Absentees: Parr Durr; James Britton

Others: Dave Henderson

Agenda

- I. Allen: Call to order, 6:10 PM
- II. Allen: Approval of July minutes—Peter motions, second Tom, approved
- III. Allen: Approval of August minutes—Thom motions, second Tom, approved
- IV. Allen: Financial Report
 - a. Revenue of 32 cents!
 - b. Current balance: \$1,425.38
- V. Allen: Commission Appointments
 - a. Linda Anderson was contacted by Allen but has joined Niches board and declined
 - b. Leslie Smyser – Aparna will contact her
 - c. Lindsey – will contact Tony Gillund again
 - d. Ann Hunt was also contacted for names
 - e. 2 positions—both council appointments
- VI. Allen: Report of Sub-Committees.
 - a. Haven't met, but will set up a time after this meeting
 - b. Gene – recycling is actually up and more gains from last year, if you include yard waste we are over 50% (mayor uses this), actually at about 35%, 3 years to go; yard waste will go down most likely
 - c. Green Events
 - Boiler Bridge Bash – Allen/James worked with Mary Whittaker to get bins out; event was very successful; GLC/Erin sent appreciation
 - Global Fest – no Styrofoam at the event; of 14 vendors only 4 purchased compostable dinner ware; collected a lot of recycling though; guy with big trailer and two generators created a rather unpleasant atmosphere; many vendors didn't respond, some had already bought dinner ware
 - Beer Across Wabash – James was working that angle, not sure if that happened
 - Art on the Wabash – Sept 21, we will set up a few recycling stations, no food there, but just an opportunity for education



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- Maybe we need to find a different venue to sell these items, we sell them at ½ of retail price, comparable to discount stores
- Aparna – celebration of India coming up at Faith West church, will see if they would be interested in purchasing the dinner ware and using it; Allen will send list to Aparna
- Allen – Rick Parsons will organize and give a workshop on composting, we need to publicize the event, send to media, Lindsey will send to past compost participants, James post on Facebook

VII. Allen: New Business / Announcements

a. Kara - Star - [2014 Leadership STAR Community Program](http://www.starcommunities.org/get-started/leadership-star-community-program)

In partnership with the Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities, STAR Communities will offer financial assistance to a limited number of communities to leverage local philanthropic support for their participation in the Leadership STAR Community Program. Selected communities will receive tools to measure progress towards community sustainability across the three pillars of environment, economy, and social equity. **Application Due Date: October 15, 2013,**

<http://www.starcommunities.org/get-started/leadership-star-community-program>

- Allen will contact Dennis Carson to see if they would house it and provide some admin support
 - Key groups to involve: GLC under COC; WREC, GG, NICHES
- b. Lindsey – Paint the Rain Gala, Sept. 20, 7-9 pm, have a few extra tickets if anyone is interested in coming; Aparna needs two tickets
- c. Dave – Clean Community Challenge, Dave has taken some liberties with assigning projects
- LED lighting at parks, long maintenance ground cover, greening CSO areas, tree planting on 231 trail, greener purchasing strategies
- d. Thom - Rail Summit
- Very successful summit at Faith Baptist, 250 attendees; panel Rensselaer Mayor, WL/Laf Mayor, Tom Murtaugh, Nanshan, Purdue Student Council; INDOT reality check, \$85 funding cost/passenger unless other participants along route wanted to chip in; currently on-going meetings on subject; feasibility study being done looking at current Hoosier State program, what if program; it is out, but isn't public
 - Allen – legislation will be evaluated once study is released
 - Thom – MI, IL under way, so we may get pulled into the equation
- e. Peter – giving a green yard award?
- Lindsey – need to remind Parr, get back in touch and create criteria

VIII. Gene motions to adjourn, Allen seconds, adjournment, 7:05 PM



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Next meeting October 8, 2013, 6:00 PM!

Recorded by Lindsey Payne and submitted to Allen Jacobsen on September 10, 2013.